

REMARKS

The courtesy of the Examiner in granting the undersigned attorney a personal interview on July 20, 2005 is gratefully acknowledged. During that interview, the language of Claims 31 and 35 were discussed in light of the Brizzolesi reference. As noted on the Examiner Interview Summary Record, no agreement was reached regarding such claims.

Independent Claim 31 has been amended to include the salient limitations of now cancelled Claim 33, which was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if re-written in independent form. Dependent Claims 34, 36, 37, and 38 have been amended to correspond with the language of amended independent Claim 31. Thus, it is believed that Claims 31-31 and 34-38 are all in condition for allowance, along with the remaining claims of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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